

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON URBAN POOR
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC), in its Sixth Report concerning Local Governance has recommended for an exhaustive survey to identify the urban poor within one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Second Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC), in its Sixth Report concerning Local Governance has recommended that 'an exhaustive survey to identify the urban poor should be carried out within one year. The parameters to be used for such identification should be simple and easily comprehensible, allowing objective measurement without the use of discretion. The identification should be based on a door-to-door survey with the survey teams including at least one person from the Area Sabha concerned. The urban poor so identified may be issued multi-utility identity cards for availing benefits under all poverty alleviation programmes'.

(c): In so far as Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is concerned, under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), the employment oriented urban poverty alleviation scheme implemented by this Ministry, house to house survey is carried out by the States/ Union Territories for the identification of genuine beneficiaries of the scheme from among the urban Below Poverty Line (BPL) population on the basis of certain economic/ non economic parameters. State/ UTs are requested from time to time to carry out such BPL survey on the basis of the revised/ updated state specific poverty lines provided by the Planning Commission, so that identification of genuine beneficiaries (i.e. poorest of the poor) can be done under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) on the basis of economic and non-economic parameters.